

Report of: David Thompson

October 30, 1926.

Re: Shots fired on night
of murder.

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At Mr. Neilson's request, I interviewed Mrs. GRACE EDWARDS at her home on Easton Avenue near the Brook. Mrs. Edwards claims that she did not hear any shots on the night of the murder, and, further, that she ^{so} testified at the preliminary hearing.

I also interviewed EDWARD H. STRYKER and he says positively that he heard no shots on the night of the murder and, further, that he had so testified at the preliminary hearing.

JOSEPH G. BAIER, of Hamilton Road, informed me that on the night of the murder Dr. H. B. Harrop of Clyde Station had been visiting him and as he was leaving he accompanied him to the front of his home; that while he was standing alongside of Harrop's auto he heard reports, which he at first thought was back-firing of an automobile but Harrop said were pistol shots. They argued about the matter and Baier then came to the conclusion that the reports had been too sharp for back-fire and that they must have been pistol shots; that at the time he and Harrop pulled out their watches and one watch indicated 10:53 P.M., while the other was 10:55 P.M. Just which one of their watches showed the particular time, Baier does not now recall. In talking with Baier today, Baier claims that he heard 4 reports on the night in question, the first 3 of which were in rapid succession while a few seconds intervened between the first 3 and the final one. I questioned Baier as to whether he was absolutely positive that it was pistol shots which he heard and he still says that it might have been the report of the back-fire from an automobile. (D.T.) *David Thompson?*